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IN RE THE MATTER OF:)
PROPOSED DECEMBER 2008)
BUS SERVICE CHANGES)
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REPORTER'S TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

Tempe, Arizona
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3 Certified Reporter in and for the County of Maricopa,
4 State of Arizona, at Tempe Public Library, Basement,
5 3500 S. Rural Road, Tempe, Arizona, on the 5th day of
6 August, 2008 commencing at the hour of 6:00 p.m. of the
7 said day.

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1 (The following public comments were made
2 during the proceedings:)

3 MR. ALEXANDER: Bill Alexander. 5638 South
4 Marine Drive, Tempe.

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5 There's no report that correlates the cost
6 of the service with the use of the service. No one can
7 argue that this is a wonderful concept. It's
8 convenient. But it doesn't seem to iron out on the
9 sense of ridership. And if you take ridership route and
10 cost of that route, you could understand whether this is
11 a feasible situation or it's not feasible -- I'm talking
12 about each one of them -- and adjust accordingly.

13 I have never seen anything, but they talk
14 about service, service, service, route, route, route.
15 But they never put the cost of these routes. The
16 reserve to replace buses, to put all this route by route
17 by route, what does it cost for an Orbit route? Is it
18 two and a half million dollars a year? Is it ten cents
19 a year? I don't know. There's no place. It should be
20 more transparent than that. There should be a way of
21 correlating cost of it, taxpayers' money use for it,
22 ridership of it, and route, and then route adjustment
23 according to that information.

24 We've got to give up this idea that
25 everything's free, because nothing is free except the

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1 air, and that may be costly. That's not even free
2 anymore, I guess. So the point is let's put reality
3 with use. And I'd like to see it all in one place
4 instead of having to get a piece of cheese over here to
5 put on the one over here, the piece of ham over here,
6 and the coffee back over here. Let's put it all in a

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7 business-like proposal. Because that's what it's all
8 about.

9 If this was a realistic business situation,
10 the government wouldn't be in. So obviously the cost
11 far exceeds what anybody would ever consider doing this.
12 So it's more from a, "Gee, wouldn't it be nice to have."
13 Therefore, they never put the cost. As I said, get
14 those things all put together so it's transparent, what
15 I said before, you know, as far as A, B, C, D. And then
16 that's the real world. Thank you very much.

17 MRS. DODE: My name is Eileen Dode, D-O-D-E. I
18 live at 2528 East Geneva, and the Mars Orbit runs right
19 by my house. I love it. I absolutely support the Mars
20 system. And I think it does -- first of all, I just
21 enjoy getting on, spending a few minutes on the bus. I
22 get to chat with the people that get on the bus. It's
23 convenient for me, especially the Mars, because it
24 comes, you know, to the library and the Powell Center
25 over here, because I sign up for classes and stuff

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1 there.

2 And we're looking forward to the route
3 change that's going to take it to the Light Rail station
4 so that we can step out our door, get on the Mars, get
5 to the Light Rail station, and take the Light Rail to
6 ballparks, downtown, east.

7 My question, though -- we didn't ask it in
8 there. We didn't ask about the hours, though, how late

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9 it will run. Because if we take Light Rail -- if we
10 take the Orbit to take the Light Rail to go to a
11 baseball game, it has to run late enough for us to be
12 able to get back, to get back home. So I don't know. I
13 didn't ask about the hours. But that should be checked.

14 And I think that's all I need to say. I
15 think it's been helpful in the neighborhood. I never
16 hear -- if I'm in my house, I don't even know when it
17 goes by. So it's not that it's intrusive as far as I'm
18 concerned in the neighborhood at all.

19 I really hope that they find a way to make
20 the Orbit extend to the Tempe Arts Center. Thank you.

21 MR. DODE: Bud Dode. The Orbit system, Mars
22 route, had an unfortunate incident here within the last
23 two months that the driver handled exceptionally well.
24 Our neighbor broke a blood vessel and nearly bled to
25 death on the driveway. She fainted in her process to

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1 try and get the neighbor. He saw it, called 911, and
2 the ambulance was there almost immediately and perhaps
3 saved her life.

4 So for that reason and the reason that it's
5 continuous and different set of eyes every 15 minutes
6 during the daylight hours is really nice. I think it's
7 limiting crime rate in the neighborhood. Don't have
8 facts to prove it, but it certainly seems like it has a
9 positive impact on it. So thank you.

10 (The proceedings concluded at 8:00 p.m.)
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14 of the parties hereto, nor am I in any way interested in
15 the outcome hereof.

16 DATED at Phoenix, Arizona, this 11th day of August,
17 2008.

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